

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been examined. To expedite prosecution of the remaining claims in the application, claims 5-8 have been canceled without prejudice to the filing of a continuing application directed to the subject matter thereof. Claims 1-4 have been indicated as allowable.

Claims 1-4, the only claims remaining in the application, have been allowed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application should be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorneys at the below-listed number.

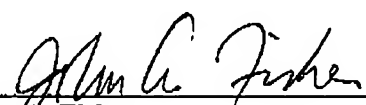
If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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